

RAMBLER RICK NORCROSS

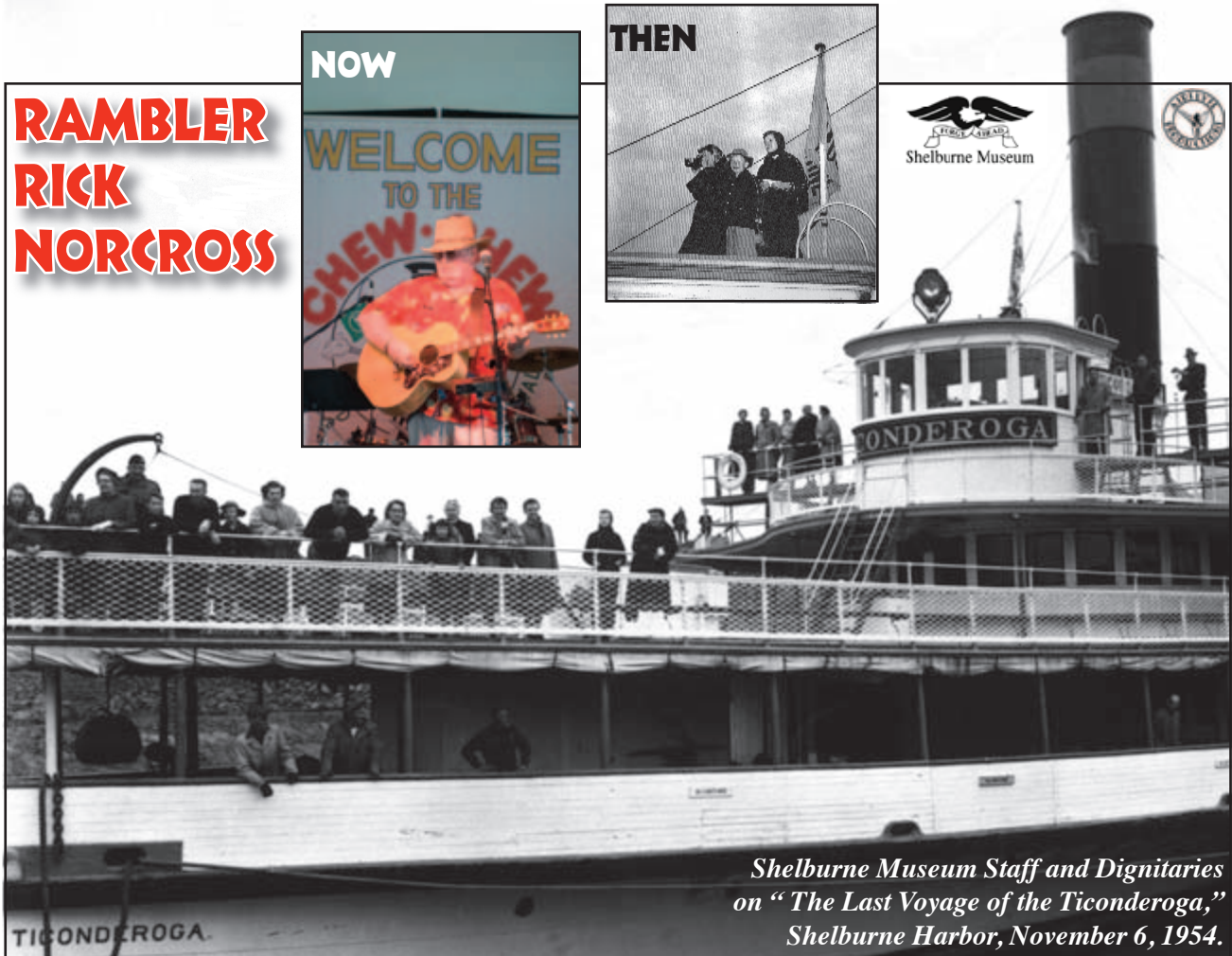
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Shelburne Museum



*Shelburne Museum Staff and Dignitaries
on "The Last Voyage of the Ticonderoga,"
Shelburne Harbor, November 6, 1954.*

During the summer of 2006, **RICK NORCROSS** celebrated 43 years as a professional musician and entertainer with an extensive regional tour fronting his seven-piece western swing band, Rick & The Ramblers. Rick has recorded six albums, including his latest, "I Heard the Highway... and Other Swing Tunes from Western Vermont." His favorite part of the tour was playing five Vermont State Park concerts, his eighth year in a row performing 43 concerts throughout the system. He produced Vermont's Bicentennial album, "You Can't Get There From Here." Rick & the Ramblers perform at fairs, festivals and special events, including Super Bowl XVIII, Ex-Governor Dean's Inaugural Ball, Vermont's Bicentennial Party and the Big "E" (New England's largest fair) on Vermont Day for four years. He is listed in the International Who's Who in Popular Music.

He has been Secretary/Treasurer of the Vermont Musician's Association, Local 351, American Federation of Musicians for the past seven years. He is a board member of the Burlington Business Association and the South End Arts & Business Association. On Rick's 60th Birthday, March 23, 2005, then-Mayor Peter Clavelle officially proclaimed the date "Rick Norcross Day" in the City of Burlington.

He has spent over 40 years in the special events industry (his first production was "Hootenanny at Hardwick" in 1963). As president of Airflyte Productions, he founded the Green Mountain Chew Chew Food Festival 23 years ago and continues as Engineer of the region's premier family-oriented feeding frenzy held in late June on Burlington's historic waterfront.

His mother, Dorothy Norcross (above, wearing the white coat near the bow of the Ti) was secretary to the director of Shelburne Museum from 1951 to 1961. The kid just to her left in the flap hat is Rick Norcross. He lived for most of those years upstairs over the Toy Shop on the museum grounds and returned 36 years later to produce Shelburne Museum's *First Fifty Birthday Party* which established an all-time museum attendance record of over 14,000. He produced the *Ticonderoga Party; A Restoration Celebration* which brought another 7,000 people to marvel at the five year restoration of the magnificent 220 foot Lake Champlain steamboat pictured above.